



CLEANING OUT THE GARAGE THIS FALL? DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE PROPERLY

DO YOU HAVE LEFTOVER GAS OR OIL from mowing, or half-empty cans of paint or solvents used on home improvement projects? If you can't reuse them, take them to the Hennepin County Problem Waste and Recycling Facility, 1400 W. 96th St. These and other household chemicals are hazardous waste and cannot be disposed of in the trash. Other items accepted at the facility include:

- Tires and batteries.
- Electronic goods: TVs, computers and stereos.
- Non-refillable propane/butane cylinders.
- Recyclable materials: Bottles, cans and paper.
- Appliances.

Facility hours are **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.** For more information, call 612-348-3777.



TOO MUCH PAPER AT WORK? EASY WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR CONSUMPTION

PAPER IS COSTLY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT and for your business. Americans throw away about 10,000 sheets of paper per person each year – enough paper to build a 12-foot high wall stretching from New York to San Francisco. Implement the following simple tips to help save money, time and natural resources.

- Print only the pages you need.
- Make double-sided copies.
- Set your computer to two-sided printing.
- Print more words on each page by reducing margins or using an efficient font such as Times New Roman.
- Reduce unsolicited mail to your business. Call 800-333-0505 or e-mail custserv@dnb.com to remove your company's address from mailing lists.

For more information, visit the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance at www.moea.state.mn.us.

CHOOSE TO REUSE WEEK IN HENNEPIN COUNTY DON'T TOSS YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS – DONATE THEM

EACH YEAR IN HENNEPIN COUNTY, 32 MILLION POUNDS OF usable clothing and household goods are thrown away despite the numerous reuse opportunities provided by repair, second-hand and consignment businesses, or donations to charities.



In an effort to encourage more reuse, Hennepin County will host the fourth annual

Choose to Reuse Week, October 15 - 22. This year's program includes:

- **Choose to Reuse discounts.** More than 30 businesses and organizations, including Arc's Value Village, Bridging, Inc., Goodwill Stores, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores, Turn Style Consignment, Nu Look Consignment and Once Upon A Child (St. Louis Park), The Reuse Center and many more, will offer special discounts.

- **Thrift Crawl.** Residents will receive a map of participating thrift and consignment shops in Hennepin County. Visit three or more stores and be eligible to win thrift shop gift certificates and a \$250 gift certificate for a used bike.
- **Scrap Art.** A "trash to treasure" art activity at Hennepin County Libraries will show children how to apply their imagination and creativity in reusing scrap material.



For information, call 612-348-3777 or visit Hennepin County Environmental Services at www.hennepin.us, keywords: Choose to Reuse.

REUSE TIPS FOR REDUCING WASTE AND SAVING MONEY

What can you do to help reduce waste, improve the community and potentially save money? Try the following reuse ideas:

Donate what you no longer need. Donating usable clothing and household goods to charitable organizations is a great way to help your community.

Avoid disposables. They may be convenient, but they cost more and generate waste.

Buy well. Buy once. Well-designed and well-constructed products last longer, and usually save you money, even if they cost more initially.

Do your homework. Research before you buy and avoid impulse purchases.

Share your stuff. Sharing with neighbors and friends can save money and build relationships in your community.

Earth Action Heroes protect the earth. Whether it's saving energy or guarding Bloomington's precious natural resources, these individuals are making a difference. Here are your neighbors in action ...

EARTH ACTION HERO THE CABIN CRUSADER

MARCY NOLTE KNOWS THAT ALTHOUGH she may not be able to change the world, she can make a difference where she lives and works. As an employee for a Twin Cities-based airline, Nolte is taking her concern for the environment to new heights.

Nolte, a flight attendant for Sun Country Airlines, recycled newspapers, cans and bottles at home, but wondered if she could do more to recycle at work. She made phone calls to local and state resources to find out how to start a recycling program with the flight attendants.

She gathered her research and presented the information to Sun Country's In-flight Manager Joan Smith, who approved. In August 2004, the recycling program took off.

Nolte drafted motivational handouts and demonstrated the recycling program to flight attendants. She faced some challenges including airport rules and regulations, but developed a partnership with Mark Wacek from the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC). Wacek, who works in Environmental Affairs, said MAC encourages and assists tenants with their recycling.

"Sun Country evaluated their situation and felt they could do more," Wacek said. "Marcy kick-started the operation at the airline and MAC was ready to handle their additional recycling efforts."

One year later, recycling is part of flight attendants' manual and procedures for Sun Country. Flight attendants collect cans and papers during flights, putting them into separate bags for recycling.



When it comes to making a difference, the sky's the limit for flight attendant Marcy Nolte and the cleaning crew at Sun Country Airlines.



"Sun Country is doing a great job and has made a noticeable difference in recycling at the Humphrey Terminal," Wacek said.

Nolte credits Sun Country Airlines for supporting the recycling program. The flight attendants and cleaners continue to recycle, helping to make the program a huge success.

What motivates Nolte? She said it's her mother who taught her to have a profound appreciation for natural resources.

"I was raised that this is the earth – you give more than you take from it," Nolte said. "With all of the places we fly to, I see how beautiful the world is and realize how important it is to keep it that way."